

Equity Act”; H.R. 984, the “Commitment to Veteran Support and Outreach Act”; H.R. 1139, the “GUARD VA Benefits Act”; H.R. 1329, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for an increase in the maximum number of judges who may be appointed to the United States Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; H.R. 1378, the “Veterans’ Appeals Backlog Improvement Act”; H.R. 1529, the “Veterans’ Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2023”; and H.R. 1530, the “Veterans Benefits Improvement Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Bergman, Ciscomani, Levin, Luttrell, Pappas, and Self; Kevin J. Friel, Deputy Director of the Pension and Fiduciary Service, Department of Veterans Affairs; Cheryl Rawls, Executive Director, Department of Veterans Affairs; Christa A. Shriber, Deputy Chief Counsel, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 41, the “VA Same-Day Scheduling Act of 2023”; H.R. 562, the “Improving Veterans Access to Congressional Services Act of 2023”; H.R. 808, the “Veterans Patient Advocacy Act”; H.R. 754, the “Modernizing Veterans’ Health Care Eligibility Act”; H.R. 693, the “Veterans Affairs Medical Center Absence and Notification Timeline Act”; H.R. 1089, the “VA Medical Center Facility Transparency Act”; H.R. 366, the “Korean American VALOR Act”; H.R. 542, the “Elizabeth Dole Home-and Community-Based Services for Veterans and Caregivers Act of 2023”; and H.R. 1256, the “Veterans Health Administration Leadership Transformation Act”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Baird, Lesko, Mast, Moolenaar, and Womack; Scotte R. Hartronft, Executive Director, Department of Veterans Affairs; Alfred A. Montoya, Jr., Deputy Assistant Under Secretary for Health Operations, Department of Veterans Affairs; David Perry, Chief Officer, Department of Veterans Affairs; and public witnesses.

WELFARE IS BROKEN: RESTORING WORK REQUIREMENTS TO LIFT AMERICANS OUT OF POVERTY

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Work and Welfare held a hearing entitled “Welfare is Broken: Restoring Work Requirements to Lift Americans Out of Poverty”. Testimony was heard from Shakirah Francis, Employment Services Social Work Supervisor, Department of Social Services Employment Services Division, Mecklenburg County, North Carolina; and public witnesses.

BUDGET HEARING ON THE NATIONAL RECONNAISSANCE OFFICE AND THE NATIONAL GEOSPATIAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Defense Intelligence and Overhead Architecture held a hearing entitled “Budget hearing on the National Reconnaissance Office and the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency”. Testimony was heard from Chris Scolese, Director, National Reconnaissance Office, Department of Defense; and Vice Admiral Frank Whitworth, Director, National Geospatial Intelligence Agency, Department of Defense. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 30, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Subcommittee on Conservation, Climate, Forestry, and Natural Resources, to hold hearings to examine forestry in the Farm Bill, focusing on the importance of America’s forests, 10:30 a.m., SR-328A.

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Army in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2024 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217, 9:30 a.m., SD-G50.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Chemical Safety, Waste Management, Environmental Justice, and Regulatory Oversight, to hold hearings to examine petrochemicals to waste, focusing on the lifecycle, environmental, and climate effects of plastic, 10 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine pharmacy benefit managers and the prescription drug supply chain, focusing on the impact on patients and taxpayers, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Nicole D. Theriot, of Louisiana, to be Ambassador to the Co-operative Republic of Guyana, Ann Marie Yastishock, of Pennsylvania, to be Ambassador to the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, and to serve concurrently and without additional compensation as Ambassador to the Solomon Islands and Ambassador to the Republic of Vanuatu, Robin Dunnigan, of California, to be Ambassador to Georgia, and David J. Kostelancik, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Albania, all of the Department of State, and other pending nominations, 10:15 a.m., SD-419.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine guardianship and alternatives, focusing on protection and empowerment, 10 a.m., SD-106.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies, budget hearing on the Department of Agriculture, 9 a.m., 2362—A Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, hearing entitled “Member Day”, 10 a.m., 2358—A Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Cyber, Information Technologies, and Innovation, hearing entitled “Cyberspace Operations: Conflict in the 21st Century”, 8:30 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Reauthorization of the Animal Drug User Fee Programs”, 9 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government, hearing entitled “Hearing on the Weaponization of the Federal Government”, 9 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, hearing entitled “FAA Reauthorization: Harnessing the Evolution of Flight to Deliver for the American People”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 291, the “Vaccine Discharge Parity Act”; H.R. 645, the “Healthy Foundations for Homeless Veterans Act”; H.R. 728, to direct the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans’ Employment and Training to carry out a pilot program on short-term programs for veterans; H.R. 746, the “Streamlining Aviation for Eligible Veterans Act”; H.R. 1169, the “VA E-Notification Enhancement Act”; legislation on the Protect Military Dependents Act; legislation on the Filipino Education Fairness Act; legislation on the Get Rewarding Outdoor Work for our Veterans Act; legislation on the Ensure Military Personnel Learn Opportunities Yielding Vocations that Employ Transitioning Servicemembers Act; legislation on the VE-TEC Authorization Act of 2023; and legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide that educational assistance paid under Department of Veterans Affairs educational assistance programs to an individual who pursued a program or course of education that was suspended or terminated by reason of a determination of fraud shall not be charged against the entitlement of the individual, and for other purposes, 9:30 a.m., 390 Cannon.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Budget hearing on the Office of the Director of National Intelligence”, 8:30 a.m., HVC-304 Hearing Room. This hearing is closed.